Hosting of WTTC Summit

4297. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India bagged the proposal for hosting of the WTTC Summit;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the basic things that have gone in favour of India;

(d) whether it is likely to attract a large foreign investment in tourism; and

(e) if so, the amount of investment likely to be made and what are the proposals in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) India was chosen as the venue for the 5th Global Travel and Tourism Summit. The other countries considered for the same were USA and China. Holding of such a Summit gives us an opportunity to promote and showcase India's tourism product in order to attract foreign direct investment in the tourism sector.

(d) and (e) The Summit attracted a number of delegates representing travel and tourism industry in foreign countries. It is likely that some of these would consider investment in India.

Special package to boost tourism in Tsunami-hit States

4298. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andaman Chamber of Commerce and Industry has written to Government that the Island is losing Rs. 40 lakhs daily because of fall in tourism inflow;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to announce a special package to boost tourism in Tsunami-hit States of India; and

(d) if so, by when and State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI